

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NORTH HORNELLS VILLAGE BOARD
August 9, 2021 6:00PM
Meeting Minutes**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Falci
Trustees: Joseph Ingalls, Joseph Flint, Joshua Greenthal
Absent: Trustee Richard Head
Clerk Vanessa Scott
Superintendent Rich Scavo
Fire Chief Mike Robbins
Videographer Bob Peisher
Other Attendees: Don Hoffman
Dave Prete
Jim Bebout
Jeremy Smith
Wesley Bryant
General Code Representative: Ted Metcalf

Mayor John Falci introduced General Code Representative Ted Metcalf. Mr. Metcalf presented the possibilities of services available to the Village for updating the Code Books. The board and Mr. Metcalf covered many options and discussed some pricing. The last publication of the Code Books was in 1988. An editorial analysis was last done in 2010. Re-codification would be in the price range of \$12,000 to \$15,000. The sizes of the books need to be updated as well as codes in the books need updating. An update of the Code Books needs to be completed and there is an option for electronic version made available for an initial cost of \$125.00 with an \$11.95 annual maintenance cost. There is also an option for Map Link at \$49.95 initial cost to build it and then a \$14.95 annual maintenance cost. At this time, no decision was made.

Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes from the monthly meeting held on August 9, 2021 were made by Mayor John Falci seconded by Trustee Joseph Flint and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye	Trustee Greenthal	Aye
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee Head	Absent
Trustee Flint	Aye		

Clerk Vanessa Scott presented the need to add part time office help for an as needed basis. She explained it would be very sporadic but, there are times that she needs to be out of the office and the Treasurer/Deputy Clerk is unavailable to come in. This is not a common issue but, it will be good to have someone to fill in when necessary.

There was a discussion with the board and the board agreed it would be a good idea to have someone available on an as needed basis.

Treasurer Report

Motion to accept the treasurer's report from July 2021 was made by Mayor Falci seconded by Trustee Joseph Ingalls and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye	Trustee Greenthal	Aye
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee Head	Absent
Trustee Flint	Aye		

Clerk Report

Motion to accept the clerk’s report from July 2021 was made by Trustee Joshua Greenthal seconded by Trustee Joseph Flint and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye	Trustee Greenthal	Aye
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee Head	Absent
Trustee Flint	Aye		

Code Enforcement Report

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Rusby was not present. The board reviewed the report.

Motion to accept the Code Enforcement report was made by; Trustee Joseph Ingalls seconded by Trustee Joshua Greenthal and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye	Trustee Greenthal	Aye
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee Head	Absent
Trustee Flint	Aye		

North Hornell Police Department

Chief Kyle Amidon was not present. The board discussed the information in Chief Amidon’s report.

Motion to accept the North Hornell Police Department report was made by; Mayor Falci seconded by Trustee Joshua Greenthal and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye	Trustee Greenthal	Aye
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee Head	Absent
Trustee Flint	Aye		

Complaints	5
Community Services Rendered	25
Assist Other Departments	2
Traffic Stops	7
Total Calls Handled for the Month:	39

Fire Department Report

Total Calls for the Month: 14
Town: 9
Village: 1
Fire Alarm Checks: 3
M/A: 1

Motion to accept the Fire Chief’s report was made by Trustee Joshua Greenthal, Seconded by Trustee Joseph Flint and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye	Trustee Greenthal	Aye
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee Head	Absent
Trustee Flint	Aye		

A motion by Mayor John Falci seconded by Trustee Joseph Ingalls to approve applicant Bethani Ormsby of 108 Hornell Street, Hornell, NY and was carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye	Trustee Greenthal	Aye
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee Head	Absent
Trustee Flint	Aye		

Fire Chief Mike Robbins discussed information received to fix Engine 85. At this time there is a wait on obtaining the part to fix it. The board and Fire Chief Robbins discussed information obtained to replace Engine 85. There was a discussion of other options and if there is a need for a ladder truck. No decision was made at this time.

Fire Chief Robbins told the board he has a letter prepared to send out to businesses to solicit donations towards the purchase of Engine 85. The board discussed with the Chief that they want him to hold off on sending the letters out at this time. The board will let the Fire Chief know when they have approved the letters to be mailed out. This was understood by all parties. Fire Chief Robbins informed the board that he will have a power point ready for the September 13, 2021 monthly meeting. Trustee Joseph Ingalls asked all board members to contact Fire Chief Robbins via email with any questions they have in reference to the replacement of Engine 85 and to please attach all members to the email so everyone is informed.

Maintenance Department Report

Motion to accept the Maintenance Department report was made by Trustee Joshua Greenthal, Seconded by Trustee Joseph Flint and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye	Trustee Greenthal	Aye
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee Head	Absent
Trustee Flint	Aye		

Superintendent Rich Scavo informed the board that Lowe's Home Improvement will be flushing hydrants on August 13, 2021. He informed them that there are reports of dirty water in the area of First Street, Elmwood, Maplewood and Third. The DPW has looked in to the reports of the dirty water and haven't found anything of concern. He assured the board they are keeping an eye on the situation.

Superintendent Scavo also informed the board that the DPW started digging for the water project on Avondale. At this time they are waiting on the tap then they can move forward.

No flow report was available from the City of Hornell at the time of the meeting. Superintendent Scavo will give copies to all members of the board as soon as he has the report.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 31-2021 APPROVE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

The following Resolution was offered by Trustee Joseph Ingalls, seconded by Trustee Joshua Greenthal and carried,

RESOLVED, that the Village of North Hornell Board of Trustees at the monthly meeting on August 9, 2021, approved to pay vouchers from the General Account starting with number 69-99 in the amount of \$12,613.10. Pay vouchers from the Sewer Account starting with number 9-16 in the amount of \$2,107.66

	Aye	Nay
Mayor Falci	X	

Trustee Ingalls	X
Trustee Greenthal	X
Trustee Flint	X
Trustee Head	Absent

RESOLUTION 32-2021 Personnel Addition

The following Resolution was offered by Mayor John Falci, seconded by Trustee Joshua Greenthal and carried,

RESOLVED, that the Village of North Hornell Board of Trustees at the monthly meeting on August 9, 2021, approved to add Marie Patti as Clerk(PT) on an as needed basis beginning August 24, 2021 to March 30, 2022. In addition, she will be approved and appointed as a Sub-Registrar. The approved hourly rate is \$15.00 per hour.

	Aye	Nay
Mayor Falci	X	
Trustee Ingalls	X	
Trustee Greenthal	X	
Trustee Flint	X	
Trustee Head	Absent	

Video Stream Meetings

Bob Peish did not have information at this time for other streaming options for the Village. He told the board he is available to stream the September 13, 2021 meeting and should have a couple options received by then. This will allow him time to try to options before presenting them to the board.

ARPA Money

Treasurer Kristene Libordi explained to the board that a final project and expenditure report is due for the first deposit of the ARPA money no later than the end of October 2021. Trustee Joseph Ingalls asked Superintendent Scavo to get prices on buying water repair parts and let the board know what he finds out. He also asked for Superintendent Scavo to move forward reaching out to contractors for prices on the proposed renovations to Village Hall.

NYSEG & Constellation (fixed rate vs. variable)

Treasurer Kristene Libordi presented information to the board and explained that the Village was saving money with the variable rate but at this time, the savings have diminished. There is no set time frame when the switch has to happen but, with the invoices coming in at the amount they are, it would benefit the Village to make a decision as soon as possible. Treasurer Libordi told the board, after speaking with the representative from the electric suppliers, she recommends going with the fixed rate but would wait for a direction from them.

No decision was made at this time.

Second Street Clean Up

Superintendent Rich Scavo provided photos to the board members to show the cleanup that the DPW did on Second Street. He explained that after they finished the clean up on one side, a resident on the other side asked them to clean his side of the street. Superintendent Scavo asked the board to give a directive if they would like him to do the clean up for the other resident. He explained he would use the backhoe to scrape dead limbs and other debris out from the other side to clean it up. The board discussed the proposal and approved the clean up on the other side of the street.

Marick Park Property Sales

Property on Rural Ave

Trustee Joseph Flint mentioned he emailed the other trustees about Rural Avenue. Looks like Howard Hannah is promoting the piece of land over by the end of Rural and Route 36 and marketing it as a Residential or Commercial property. Also, the listing seems to mention that it could have access by way of Rural Ave.

Trustee Joseph Ingalls replied that the Village has looked in to this before and the Village is not zoned as Commercial and would need to go through the Zoning committee and be re-zoned. Trustee Ingalls continued by mentioning that, even if someone wanted to purchase it for that purpose, there are other things that would need to happen in order for the access to be there.

Superintendent Scavo mentioned a discussion he had with Real Estate Agent Martha Marino in reference to water supply and septic for the property as well. Also a single resident that would like to put in a single house set back. There is water, electric, etc., but no sewer. The next question then was, could a single house have a septic tank? Superintendent Scavo said he needs to look at the code before he can respond to this request. Further discussion took place about this as well. There was further discussion on this situation. Trustee Ingalls asked Superintendent to look in to this further. There would need to be another pump station put in over in that area as well. The Health Department would have to approve this as well.

Trustee Joseph Ingalls also brought up First Street and Marick Park as far as the need for turnaround / hammer heads for plow trucks and emergency vehicles. Maybe this is a good time to bring this up to home owners. He thought maybe this is something that should be done due to the property sales that have taken place recently. This is also something that needs to be discussed if/when the property sells on Rural Ave. that there is a need for the Village to have some of the property to obtain the necessary turnaround for emergency vehicles and plow trucks.

Superintendent Scavo wanted the board to know that there seems to be quite a bit of interest in the piece of property next to Elderwood. It was agreed that this is something that needs to be monitored. This property is zoned special use and is the property of the Village of North Hornell. Mayor Falci mentioned Clerk Vanessa Scott received a FOIL request on the said property. Clerk Scott shared this with Superintendent Scavo as well and it was determined that the information that was in the FOIL is not available. The response to the FOIL was taken care of. More discussion about the property continued.

OLD BUSINESS

Village Office Construction

No further discussion took place. This agenda item will be on the agenda for September 13, 2021.

Stop Sign on Maplewood

This will be placed on the September 13, 2021 monthly meeting agenda. Some of the residents were unable to attend the meeting and would like to be present when this is discussed.

OTHER

Cleveland Ave. Property

Mayor Falci told the board that this concern is now in the Code Enforcement Officers hands. A Certified letter will be mailed out to the owner. Information will be reported as it is available. Trustee Joshua Greenthal voiced his concern and noted an incident that he is aware of and will report it to the Village Clerk after the meeting.

Trustee Joseph Flint motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Trustee Joshua Greenthal and was carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Scott
Village Clerk